

REMARKS

Pursuant to the present amendment, claims 1, 15, 17 and 26 have been amended, claims 2 and 16 have been canceled, and claim 42 has been added. Thus, claims 1, 3-7, 14-15, 17-19, 26-29 and 32-42 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been introduced by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 2-7, 16-19, 28 and 29 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Final Office Action, p. 3. Pursuant to the present amendment, new independent claim 42 has been added to present allowable dependent claim 5 in independent form. Thus, it is believed that new claim 42 is in condition for immediate allowance.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from now-canceled dependent claim 2. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-7 and 14 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations from now-canceled dependent claim 16. Accordingly, claims 15 and 17-19 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Pursuant to the present amendment, independent method claim 26 has been amended to include the limitation of opening a subsea safety valve. Based upon the Examiner's allowance of apparatus claim 2, it is believed that the present amendment puts claim 26 in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 26-29 are in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney

at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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